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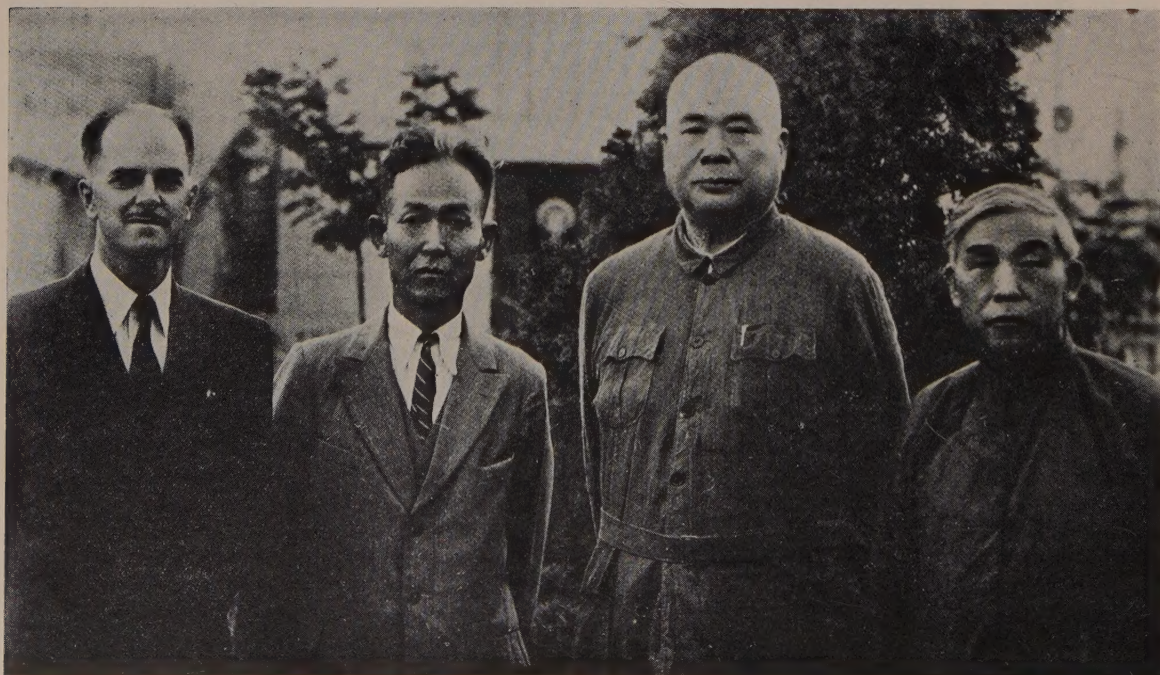
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China for Christ

Dr. Fiedler writes in his article "The Call of Orphaned Missions" (page 19) of Dr. Daniel Nelson. Here he is pictured with three Chinese Christian leaders, left to right, Chiang Chih-Chiang, Gen. Yu Hsang and Rev. Chu Hao-jan.

Christmas Is Coming

"Christmas is coming to bless us again,
Bringing its bounty of blessings to men,
Wiping out worries and troubles and frets,
Routing the past with its futile regrets.
Blotting out memories tragic and drear,
Filling our hearts with magic of cheer;
Giving us gifts from the Given above,
Greatest of which is the Spirit of Love."

—Author Unknown.

A Christmas gift

for our ULCA pensioners is in order this month. Three hundred dollars per year is such a small sum with which to reward our retired pastors. Checks sent to The Ministerial Pension Board, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa. marked, "Christmas Fund" make possible a small gift to those who need additional help. Your Christmas will be happier if shared with our pensioners.

"He who offers God second place offers Him no place."—John Ruskin.

War

within the nation seems the greatest present menace to American life. The conference of leaders of industry and management is in session as this is written. Practically every delegate is committed to support real collective bargaining. There is hope in that, Labor legislation has been too politically minded. Government interference has been depended upon for industrial peace rather than man to man conference. Unions have done much for labor when under wise officials. The trouble is that there is no protection against the racketeer type of labor leader. Certainly the unions should be as responsible before the law as management. Contracts should be enforceable. The patience of the common folks is wearing out. Work stoppages, whether caused by management or labor, must be made unlawful. Perhaps some day we will all discover that cooperation and good will are not a matter of choice if democracy is to live.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

Children brought up in Sunday School are seldom brought up in court.

Rev. Raymond Sorrick, D.D.,

pastor of our fast growing mission in Silver Spring, Md., has gone to his reward. We record here our sense of personal loss. He had a talent for friendship, and the thirteen years spent in the Maryland Synod were enriched by our comradeship. Pastor of a fine old established church in Baltimore, he gratified a long-time ambition by resigning to take over a mission church in a fast growing Washington suburb. The swift progress of this mission was more gratifying to him than the larger recognition of the Church, his presidency of the synod, his election to the Board of Education and the honorary degree from his alma mater, Gettysburg. His ministerial career was far too short but holds in it lessons for every young pastor. Genuine consecration is the first step in answering the call of Christ to His ministry. Our deepest sympathy to the wife and daughter who will miss him most.

Till My People Come

And the Lord God whispered and said to me,

"These things shall be, these things shall be;

Nor help shall come from the scarlet skies

Till my people rise, till my people rise;

Till my people rise my arm is weak;
I cannot speak till my people speak;
When men are dumb my voice is dumb,

I cannot come till my people come."

—Epiphany Herald.

Dr. Frederick H. Knubel

did not live in vain. No one leader in world Lutheranism has had as much influence as our first ULCA president. That influence was always directed toward Lutheran unity, yet it was never in support of what our Missouri Synod brethren call "unionism." By their definition that would mean union at any price in compromise of doctrine. Dr. Knubel knew and loved his Bible. His faith was soundly founded. In its very center was the grace of God. One trembles at the thought of a different leadership during the first quarter of a century of the ULCA. Dr. Knubel held together the divergent elements officially made one in the merger and with patience and wisdom welded them into an amazing unity. His name will not be forgotten among us.

Being thoughtful often gives occasion for being thankful. —Religious Telescope.

A democratic Protestant Church

is emerging in Germany. Lutheran, Reformed and Evangelical Churches led by the most outstanding churchmen in Germany have participated in conferences looking toward this end. It has been described as "going beyond federation but stopping short of amalgamation." In the conferences held thus far the focus of attention was not on theology so much as on social action. Dr. Hans Schoenfeld, representing the World Council of Churches, has attended these conferences and reports:

"Realization of their social task has broken through suddenly. While they were primarily occupied with theological questions before, they now recognize their responsibility for the social and political structure."

Pastor Niemoeller, vice-chairman of the new movement, has come to the conclusion that the mistake of the German church was its isolation from political life. He seeks to have the church become "the conscience of the state" as in England and America. He said that the church must "enter the schools, to rebuild youth organizations and to influence the universities. Sermons must express the church's broad responsibilities in political and economic life." Again he has definite opinions as to the importance of the character of the state-to-church relationship. Well he might! "Lutherans must learn" he said, "that

they must choose democracy as the best form of government." On another occasion he said: "A government which guarantees liberties and fundamental rights is better than one which does not. Nor is this a matter of indifference for the church." All this is of deep interest to American Lutherans where the relationship between church and state is still a matter of debate. The ecumenical movement in Germany is bound to grow in Germany. Strict constructionists of the Augsburg Confession in its doctrine of church and state can no longer find support from German Lutheranism.

Judge: "Sam, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, and nothing but the truth?"

Defendant: "I does, sir."

Judge: "Sam, what have you to say for yourself?"

Defendant: "Well, Judge, with all limitations you have just put on me, I don't have anything to say."—Legal Chatter.

From Thanksgiving to Christmas the American Bible Society is again promoting a Bible reading program. More than thirty governors of our states are issuing proclamations in its behalf. It is called "The World-wide Bible Reading Program." Dr. J. Chapman Bradley who heads this program tells how it all began:

"The special Bible reading emphasis had its origin two years ago in a letter from a soldier to his mother asking that she read a chapter from the New Testament each day, he doing likewise, and that in this way he would feel that somehow they would be united. When this letter was released by the American Bible Society, the infinite possibilities in shared Bible reading by men and women in the armed forces and their loved ones at home was self evident. The result was a nationwide Bible reading campaign in 1944 with passages selected by chaplains and ministers."

"On Christmas, for a brief time, we take a vacation from ourselves, and our selfishness. What happy plots, what secret whisperings, what plans that a child may have its toy and a friend a token. We forget ourselves into happiness on a day so swift to come, so swift to go—setting us free from the drab thing old Time has turned us into,"—Joseph Fort Newton.

Col. H. Torrey Walker

is back at the helm in our Publication House after a distinguished career in the Army. He will be welcomed, not only the over-worked staff, but by the Church at large. He combines fine administrative judgment with a great loyalty to his Church. Our Publication House has come alive under his leadership and deserves the support of all of us. We Lutherans have hid our light under a bushel too long, particularly in advertising and selling our publications beyond the borders of our own Church. The Muhlenberg Press imprint is gaining deserved recognition. Col. Walker's progressive leadership is already justified. More power to him.

"The Gracious Paradox of Christmas is that the mighty God, in lowly guise, is pleading for a place in your life and mine."—William G. Chanter.

Town Meeting

carried a most interesting discussion recently on the Palestine problem. For the first time we feel competent to clear the issue that divides Jews as well as Christians. Zionism, represented by Rabbi Wise, insists on the founding of a Jewish state now. It is willing to fight for this if necessary. The more constructive policy, it seems to us, is well represented by Rabbi Lazeron of Baltimore. It advocates postponing any question of the organization of a Jewish state because of the two to one Arab population in Palestine. It does not seem democratic to Rabbi Lazeron, to insist on statehood by a minority. He also feels that the immediate task is relief of the suffering Jews in Europe. He would make it possible for them to emigrate to Palestine and would open the doors for many of them in America. Injecting the statehood question, he is certain, must stand in the way of saving thousands of Jewish lives now. Well, all of us can agree that the Jew has suffered enough in Europe and elsewhere. Certainly immediate relief is the first need. Zionism can afford to wait.

Captain: "Why didn't you salute me yesterday?"

Private: "I didn't see you, sir."

Captain: "Good, I was afraid you were mad at me."—The Link.

"Fear not"

was a favorable salutation of Jesus to the men of His age. Indeed the Christmas message was introduced with a "fear not." It has little meaning to any world caught in the jitters of fear. The atomic bomb is being used as a basis for creating a fear psychology. It is used as a big stick to secure concessions from other nations. It is being used here to encourage large armaments and conscription. If, however, the bomb is what it is described to be, the usefulness of large armed forces would seem to be silly. Perhaps it might better support the development of a largely augmented spy system, a world organization of highly trained spies. But all this is foreign indeed to our Christian faith. God is still the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To allow ourselves to be pushed into a panic is denial of His grace. Let us do what we can to repair the damage to the morale of the world by sharing all the secrets of atomic power and making them available for constructive uses. What the world needs is mutual trust. It is tired of war. Only fear will bring on another war. Christmas reminds us that God is love. "Perfect love casteth out fear."

The holes of stale doughnuts are broken up, and used to stuff macaroni.—The Industrial School Journal.

Rev. Ernest A. Tappert, D.D.,

Divisional Secretary of Linguistic Interests for our American Board of Missions celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination last month. Congratulations! God has gloriously used his fine talents in the direction of this important work. We are a church of many languages. His understanding and sympathy have saved thousands of immigrants for our church.

A Britisher's first glimpse of sea gulls on American shores led him to observe, "My, what a fine flock of peegeons!"

"Gulls, not pigeons," suggested a chance hearer.

"Well, gulls or boys, it's a mighty fine flock of peegeons."—The Link.

From Geneva Dr. Michelfelder writes

"Physical aid must be given the innocent victims on this war of spiritual aid will never be needed." We give the text of the appeal describing the plight of the children:

"Children by the millions are in imminent danger of starving and freezing as winter comes to Europe unless immediate help comes from countries which have food, clothing, vitamins and medicines. Helpless children cannot survive much longer unless there is a united effort to save them. Every official, humanitarian and religious agency must come to the rescue or it will be too late. We plead for generous public support of all organizations and agencies willing to cooperate. Generous financial assistance must be given so that food, medicines, vitamins and bedding may be purchased and foster care may be provided for orphaned and homeless children. Warm clothing will also be needed in huge quantities and should be collected and sent through authorized channels. Only by immediate and coordinated effort can a colossal catastrophe be avoided. The conditions in several European countries compel us to make this common appeal in the strongest possible way. We who have seen these conditions and heard these cries for help must lay it upon the consciences of all to share to the limit of their money and goods now. We wholeheartedly welcome and support the efforts already undertaken by governments and agencies, national and international. We urge much greater support of their efforts in the dire emergency now confronting Europe. We pledge ourselves to work together in meeting the needs without regard to nationality, race or creed."

Dean: "When do the leaves begin to turn?"

Johnny: "The night before exams."
—Watchman Examiner.

Tuition for Sunday Schools

is not a Lutheran idea but comes from First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, California. "We may be criticized," says Dr. Fifield, the pastor, "but we are not afraid of criticism." Experts in parish education are employed in his school. Well, is it a good idea? One of our major problems is inefficient and irregular teachers.

A conference is a group of men who individually can do nothing, but as a group they can meet and decide nothing can be done.—The Link.

LSAA

is a tremendously important alphabet organization. It is now under the sponsorship of the National Lutheran Council. For more than twenty years it has supported a graduate fellowship for a Lutheran student in India and now this fellowship is held by the first young woman, Miss V. Lily Grace, a graduate of Andhra Christian College doing graduate work in chemistry at Benares University. She will return to the staff of Andhra. In case you do not know LSAA stands for Lutheran Student Association of America!

I notice that a woman's final decision is not always the same as the one she makes later.—Uncle Levi Zink.

Bibles meant something

in the prison camps during this war. A chaplain wrote the chief chaplain of the Army as follows:

"In the prison camp where I was sent we were placed in barracks. In the one where I was placed there were about a hundred and fifty men. The first night after we had arrived I took out my Bible and started to read for my evening meditation. One of the other men asked me if he could read a chapter in it because he felt as if he needed to know God better. Before I had completed my reading there were fifteen men waiting to read my Bible. The next day I went around to find out how many Bibles there were in the barracks and I found we had four for the one hundred fifty men. Chaplain, I saw men reading the Bible who had scorned it before they had been captured, because we desperately needed hope and courage. My Bible, God bless it, gave courage and hope to these men. He showed me a list of eighty-seven names of men who had at one time or another shared his Bible. Their signatures will be a testimony to his children about the helping power of God's word in time of trouble."

Albert—"That's the army for you."
Filbert—"How so?"

Albert—"Here today and still here tomorrow,"—Farm Journal

Dr. Frank Laubach

has done more to solve the problem of illiteracy than any other living person. We heard him speak recently and his message was full of hope for the world. He is not blind to the evil forces that menace us, but his Christian idealism will not be quenched. He has a formula for personal living spelled in his phonetic language. "Cihu" is the word. It means "Can I help you?" When that spirit spreads war must end.

Mercy

is the war's greatest casualty. For uncounted millions the spirit of revenge and the burning fires of hate are wrecking life. Recently *Life Magazine* carried pictures of the awful fate of the displaced peoples of Europe. What was the reader-reaction? The following week there were letters with sentences like this: "I gloated over them. May they continue to suffer long and hard for the monstrous crimes they inflicted on Europe." Signed by a woman! And "I have observed these Germans before, during and after the war. Most of them don't deserve any better treatment." But there was one redeeming letter from a private in one of our army hospitals. He wrote "I tried hard to be brutal while reading it, remembering what horrors these peoples had imposed on others, but somehow a lump appeared in my throat." There is still hope as long as enough of us have lumps in our throats. Mercy and forgiveness are God's way with us. Mercy and forgiveness must also be the key to human relationships. Are we brave enough to try them?

"Many Make a sentimental response to the Infant Jesus. They miss the main point of the Christmas story, which is that the Baby grew up into a Son of Man who made a devastating challenge to a world of greed, of privilege, of hard power. To treat Christmas as only the story of a Baby, to sing about it in time-honored carols, to paint it, to celebrate it, and fail to realize and accept the challenge to our whole way of life is vanity. It is a sad irony to think of Jesus name being joined in any manner to a short-sighted, chirping optimism, sustained by the blind or cowardly evasion of the actual facts."—Halford Luccock.

Lutheran Inner Mission Industries

In Dayton, Ohio, our Lutheran people have a slogan "Save Everything, to Save Men!" It is the motive and method of the industrial department of the Inner Mission. Pastor F. R. Stoneburner, director of the I.M. assures us that under the skillful management of Mr. William F. Armstrong, this department requires no part of the annual budget of the I.M.

Back in this department, and indeed of the whole program of the I.M. in Dayton and vicinity, is the Lutheran Laymen's League. This league represents the men of the churches and appoints the managing committee for the industries. It also handles the annual Roll Call for the I.M.

The story of L.I.M. Industries is told in pictures.

From Secretary Bader's Mail Box

Dear Mr. Bader:

May 16 we had Ladies Night, with entertainment and refreshments, the entertainment was all home talent and the members kept the audience in a continuous laugh, with songs, skits and jokes; those guilty were Peter Schult, Chairman, Herbert Fleming, Alfred Kiefer, Alfred Deppe and George Eckert, with Fred Miller at the piano.

Other members served the refreshments and there was NO lack of volunteers to clean up after the party.

August Busing, President, welcomed the ladies.

E. C. Kornhoff, Cor. Secy.,
Holy Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Dear Mr. Bader:

The officers of the Synodical Brotherhood are trying very hard to organize a brotherhood in each of the twenty-nine congregations of the Texas Synod. At our last convention one brotherhood was received. Since convention there have been three new brotherhoods organized which are to be received at our next convention.

In connection with the organization of new brotherhoods we found that the literature furnished us by you has been a great aid. If there is still literature available I will appreciate your sending me a supply. As one of our Pastors said—"First Information—Then Organization." And that is what we want to give him.

Sincerely,

Clarence J. Fertsch, member
Executive Committee of the
Texas Synodical Brotherhood

Lutheran Inner Missions Industries



Headquarters

This two-story building is owned by the I.M. and its use is easily discovered by reading the signs.



Mom's Staff

"Mom" is standing looking at Mrs. E. H. Burr, (by the sewing machine), and Mrs. Lila McCasland (by the spinning machine), who are her faithful helpers.

"Mr. A" and "Mom"

Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong affectionately known as "Mr. A" and "Mom" are the key to the successful running of this department. They are sitting in front of some of the savings from our Lutheran homes. They direct the workers and are the means for rescuing many a prodigal and for restoring the self-respect of many handicapped and unemployed.



Administration

Left to right, these I.M. executives are Attorney Theodore C. Lindsey, Jr., chairman of the Industrial Committee; Pastor Stoneburner, superintendent of the I.M.; Mr. William F. Armstrong, manager of Industries; and Dr. Frank F. Secrist, pastor of Second-Trinity Lutheran Church and president of the I.M.

Storage Space

These trucks with the workers gather all kinds of scrap materials. Employment is given the needy and handicapped in preparing it for sale.



Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

NOW above all things else, we
need to

KNOW the true meaning of
PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TO MEN

L. F. Speckman

A Christmas Fantasy

By Carl Stenbol

Mr. Stenbol is Norwegian by birth, Canadian by choice and lives at Sault Ste Marie. He is an active Lutheran churchman and a successful businessman. At Christmas time he writes fantasies like this to send as greetings for his friends. This one is shared, by his permission, with Lutheran Men.

The children at last were tucked in their beds, Mother was busy trimming the Christmas tree, and Daddy had made himself comfortable in front of the fire. He was trying to read, but his book repeatedly fell in his lap. Soft Christmas music came over the radio, otherwise the house was still, and outside it was snowing gently.

John was determined to keep awake until the tree was finished, although his wife had asked him to go to bed. Suddenly he heard a car stop on the driveway and he went out to see who was there.

On the front steps he met an unknown man who greeted him and said he had been directed to this house of good people for the purpose of asking shelter for himself and his wife.

John thought this strange and suggested they drive up the street a few houses where there were rooms for tourists. "I know," the man said, "but my wife is not very well just

now and therefore, needs help from some kind people. Besides, we have no money, so could you not take us in?" he pleaded.

Just then Santa Claus drove in, and John rushed over to him and promptly forgot the stranger who quietly backed the car out.

"How is everything?" John began. "Busy, as usual? Don't get out—I will take the parcels and save you that much trouble!"

"Thanks," Santa said, and handed over the presents, "The worst of my rush is now over," he added.

"I oftentimes wonder," John continued, "how you manage to get around the way you do."

"The load is now light and there's not much left of my route," Santa answered, "so would you like to come along and see for yourself?"

"Just a moment," John replied, "so I can take in the parcels and tell my wife where I am going."

Soon they were away. Fields, lakes, forests and mountains passed under the sleigh like so much mist. "Time is now standing still," Santa said, as he here and there threw out some parcels, but John could not see where they went. They came to a lit-up city and more parcels were thrown-out. These split up into small bits, like snow flakes, and descended over all the houses, then formed into parcels again and disappeared down the chimney pots. "That's how we do it," Santa said, and urged the reindeers into greater speed.

More cities were passed, and at one they came very close to a large church tower decorated and lit up with coloured lights like a huge Christmas tree. John could distinctly hear the chimes playing "Silent Night."

Santa noticed that John was now more at ease and getting used to this strange mode of travel, and asked "Who were the people at your door when I came?" John explained that they were total strangers to him and hoped they would find shelter somewhere for the night.

"Quite so," Santa agreed. John,

however, felt uneasy about them and promised himself that he would do what he could when he got back.

With another lusty "giddy-up" to the reindeers, Santa continued the conversation. "You are wondering about my work. I will tell you. As you know, I and many other imaginary persons are made up from human thoughts and wishes and carry out such work as allotted to us by the Great Chief."

"Who is your 'Great Chief?'" John ventured.

"You should know best," Santa replied with a smile. "You have His law and record of His plans written in many books and expressed in everything you hear and see, besides learned men pointing out His ways."

"That's true," John admitted slowly, "but,"

"There is no but about it," Santa broke in—"Only you are the most favoured and the most rebellious of all creation, ever forgetting that the Great Chief has fitted you out with part of His own understanding. Of this gift you use only half, whereas the whole is a perfect balance."

"The Great Chief is very economical," Santa went on, "lets nothing go to waste and has therefore made things so that kindness may be exchanged for gratitude, so you see the trifles I distribute are more than offset by the gladness they bring."

John grew a little bolder and suggested—"This may be very good within the family circle, but it does not work out among mankind at large."

"Oh yes it does," Santa affirmed, "I said the Great Chief is very economical and lets nothing go to waste, but at the same time He does not allow anything to be had for nothing. You know all this and it is the other half of part of the great understanding."

To this, John had no ready reply, only kept thinking of the parcels he had received from Santa and at the same time turned strangers away. Just then the sleigh touched the ground in front of his own door step.

Thanking Santa for the ride and wishing him a Merry Christmas, he got out of the sleigh, but his feet slid from under him so he sat down in the snow. A soft voice was speaking—"There was no room in the inn, so Joseph and Mary had to seek shelter in a stable." Hearing this, John shouted—"They can stay at our house!"

"What were you trying to say?" his wife asked.

He picked himself up from the floor and looked around. "I don't know," he answered, "must have been dreaming. Who brought all the parcels?" he asked, pointing to the pile under the Christmas tree now trimmed and lit up.

"Who do you think?" his wife answered, "Santa Claus, of course."

What Can Christians Do For Japan?

By Frederick J. Lipp, SPx2c

This intensely interesting article comes through the courtesy of Dr. Alvin E. Bell of Toledo, Ohio. The writer is a member of his congregation, Glenwood, and is an enlisted Navy correspondent.

When war was declared in 1941 immediately following the Pearl Harbor attack, one of the Christian workers still in Japan was the Baptist missionary, Rev. P. T. Luke of Johannesburg, South Africa. He might have left Japan but, with his wife and two children, he elected to remain with the people he had worked among for thirteen years. He was keen, political-minded, deeply spiritual. Having made his choice he knew what he must expect.

He was imprisoned immediately as an enemy national. Under the harsh regimen of internment, without word from his family he experienced for four months the intolerable anguish of the political prisoner, the sense of being abandoned in a world in which law no longer existed. He had been allowed a few books—his Bible, a Weymouth Translation and a copy of William James' "Varieties of Religious experience." Physically interned, he read, thought, wandered free along the broad highways of the mind. It was his only escape through darkness.

"After I was released" he said, "I re-read Oscar Wilde's "De Profundis." There is a place where he says in effect that each day in prison, spent without tears, is a day of bitterness and sorrow. For it is only the tears of repentance that draw us closer to God. I understood it for the first time then. Before, it had held no meaning."

Upon his release, Rev. Luke went to live with his family in the little Tokyo suburb of Kamikitazawa, famous as the home and pastorate of

Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian and Liberal leader. Here, he waited out the war years, watching as the foundations of the empire crumbled slowly, weakened by defeat abroad and apathy at home. He waited while the B-29's came over and the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama died into ruins. He waited as the food shortage grew more acute, bordering on starvation in some areas. He waited as the war moved closer, as the atomic bombs fell at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He waited as the diseases of malnutrition spread throughout the cities and reached into his own family. And then at last the waiting was ended. On August 15th Japan surrendered. Before the 30th men of the Allied nations were landing at points throughout Japan. The long waiting was over and now, at last, he was able to talk to his own people again.

It was my privilege to meet Rev. Luke at the house where he is now living at Kamikitazawa. He is a sparsely-built man of medium height with a sharply angular face. It is the face of a man who has endured much and yet, through it all, has kept a sense of humor.

I had one question to ask him. It is a question vital to every Christian in America today because through Christianity can come the greatest liberal and democratizing force for Japan, now and during the crucial years to come.

The question was, simply: What can the Christians of America do for Japan? How can we aid the Japanese Christians? How can we help Japan, through Christianity, to attain the liberal and democratic organization she is capable of?

Rev. Luke's answers were simple and direct. He had tested them against thirteen years in Japan, against four years of war, imprisonment, bombing and near-starvation. He had thought them over carefully, tested them against experience and time. He gave them to me as a message to send back to Christians in America.

First: Do **not** rush missionaries to Japan. It would be the worst thing for her at this stage.

"Unless" Rev. Luke added, "they are prepared to work alongside the Japanese Christians as fellow beings and not as members of a conquering nation who expect to lead and direct them. You see" he said, "the important thing here in Japan is that Christianity must grow and spread from

the Japanese themselves. During this war, thousands of Christians have gone underground. They have gone through suffering, horror, privation. They have been prepared through suffering to take up their work now as Christians. The evangelical spirit among them is, I believe, stronger than ever before. And through them must come the impulse to spread the doctrine and, with it, the democratic ideal."

The second point Rev. Luke made was that well-meaning Christians should not smother the Japanese missions with financial aid.

"It promotes too many 'rice Christians'," he grinned. "Missionaries in China and Japan have always had that trouble."

"I realize that both of these are negative answers to the question" Rev. Luke went on, "but they're important and cannot be over-emphasized. Now for the positive things American- and world-Christians can do here in Japan. First, we need books. Religious and spiritual books in English and Japanese both. All that we have now are what we have salvaged from our private libraries. Especially we need Japanese Bibles and Testaments. Secondly—we **do** need money for publishing facilities. The presses and printing facilities we used in publishing religious works have been destroyed in the raids."

"In other words" he went on, "we're back to the original thought. Send us the books. Send us the material to print them, or the money to buy the material. And we'll do the rest here. If you'd like to draw a parallel . . . the conditions for Christianity in Japan now are similar to the conditions existing just before and after Pentecost. We're a minority group here, just as the early Christians were. We've gone through a period of suffering and death just as they had. But we've grown strong through it, just as they did. This is our renaissance or, to follow the biblical parallel—this is our resurrection. The evangelical spirit is strong enough now to accomplish the work it was meant to do. All we need are books, presses and a genuine feeling of brotherhood between American and Japanese Christians."

Japan's Domei News Agency, advising the people how to handle American lawlessness: "If someone is breaking into your home, scream."

Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography

By Rev. Roger G. Imhoff

THE EYES OF THE LORD . . .

*are upon the (Promised) land,
run to and fro thruout the whole
earth,
are upon the righteous,
are in every place,
behold the evil and the good,
are upon the sinful kingdom,
preserve knowledge.*

Sign 'Em! Please!

Please note that unsigned letters cannot be printed in this department. There was a very pointed and timely letter from a former Luther League worker this month, in which money raising devices were given a good and merited kick out of the church program. Would like to have answered that letter and shared some of it with Lutheran Men. But there was no signature.

—Ed.

Atlanta Modestly Speaks!

In a resurgence of interest, unusual if not unequaled, among any similar churchmen's organization in America, the attendance at seven consecutive Monday meetings of Atlanta's Redeemer Brotherhood pyramided during a contest between "Reds" and "Blues" from a low of eleven men in the off season month of August to an all time high of 117 men on October 15, building up to the Anniversary Brotherhood Service on Sunday evening October 21, when the Reverend John R. Brokhoff, newly inducted pastor of the Redeemer church, preached a stirring evangelistic sermon to a capacity congregation on "Wanted—Men".

The spiritedly waged contest was fittingly climaxed with a dinner on Monday evening, October 22, served to the winning "Reds", Ed Martin, Captain, by the losing "Blues", captained by Oscar Heimerich. The Brotherhood, meeting weekly since 1918, elects its officers semi-annually, B. B. Cason being the present and 56th Elder (President). William Ahlgrén, the first elder of the Brotherhood, introduced the more than twenty past elders who were present as honor guests. Following

speeches by Ed Younts on "Our Brotherhood Spirit" and Pastor Brokhoff on "Our Evangelistic Opportunity", Mrs. Carl Schancke, Co-Teacher of the Women's Luther Class, delivered the address of the evening on "My Favorite Bible Chapters". Herman Rogers, President of the Georgia-Alabama Synodical Brotherhood, was Master of Ceremonies.

On Sunday evening, October 28, a Reformation Rally was sponsored by the Brotherhood men of the three ULCA churches of Atlanta, namely, Redeemer, Messiah, and the recently admitted Saint John's. The sermon was preached by Pastor Brokhoff of the Redeemer Church on "What Makes a Lutheran?"

The Brotherhood men of Atlanta are looking forward with renewed vigor and enthusiasm to greater days of Lutheranism in Georgia and the South.

W. B. A.

Thanks W. B. A.! Enthusiasm is contagious! Ed

October 24, 1945

Eagle Eye!

Dear Editor,—

October issue—"Lutheran Men"—reveals an interesting duplication on pages 5 and 9 as you may have observed by now. It is of no moment, but seems to indicate that some one feels rather keenly on this particular subject. The thought crosses my mind that perhaps Mrs. Traver edited this number while you were nursing your hay-fever at the Soo! Of course you'll have some other explanation to offer but nevertheless the thought persists. It seems such a natural solution of the problem to one who knows you both! Anyway, you're doing a good job. More power to you.

Yours,

Henry H. Bagger

It would take the eagle eye of Dr. Bagger to detect that duplication. The editor is highly complimented when a member of the exec. board notices our stories. Light reading for heavy thinkers!

Ed

This and That

West Penn Conference Brotherhood of the Central Penn Synod held a Layman's Night recently in St.

Mark's, York. Chaplain George Berkheimer gave the address.

From Southern California comes a program of the installation of Rev. Frederick A. Smith, Th. D., as executive secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Council. He has been Service Pastor in Norfolk, Va.

Norristown Conference Brotherhood held its 28th semi-annual rally in Trinity, Quakertown Pa., Rev. N. B. Yerger, Pastor, with Rev. Edmund E. Beiber of Springtown Parish as speaker.

Good Scouts!

Fairmont,, W. Va.

October 30, 1945

Dear Doctor Traver:

Recently I sent you a newspaper clipping regarding Brotherhood Sunday in Grace Church. If possible I would appreciate your adding the following information to the article.

Previous to V. J. Day, seventy nine men and three women from Grace Church entered the service. Since that time one young man entered the navy. Of this number two made the supreme sacrifice, three were German Prisoners of War. Twelve men and two women have been honorably discharged and three men who served as officers are home on terminal leave pending honorable discharge.

Thanking you and with best wishes and kindest regards for your continued success.

Sincerely,

D. W. Reiter

Brother Reiter is an active member of Grace Brotherhood and we are glad to include with his letter his report of their fine Scout Troop.. Ed

The Boy Scout Troop of Grace Lutheran Church is fifteen years old. At present the troop has registered 49 Scouts. These Scouts range in age from 12 to 16 years. It is very interesting to note that this Troop is the melting pot of all races and religions, Protestants, Jews and Catholics. The troop has always been open to any boy that wants to follow the Scout oath and laws.

The Troop is sponsored and has been for 15 years by the Brotherhood of the Church. The Troop Committee is composed of Rev. Harold L. Hahn,

Chairman, Chas. Sarver, Luther Colins, and Walter Stahl.

James Billups is the Scout master.

The Brotherhood also sponsors a senior unit, called the Explore Patrol Compound of ten older boys. This is the only senior unit in the Mountaineer Area Council of the Boy Scouts.

The troop observes Scout Sunday. It is active in community, church and school activities. Troop No. 2 is known as the most active troop of Fairmont.

At the first chapel held in West Side Junior High School which has an enrollment of 475 at the beginning of the school term, leaders were appointed for various activities. Every leader appointed is a member of Scout Troop 2 of Grace Lutheran Church.

Our Plan Works!

October 12, 1945

Lutheran Men:

If the inclosed article is the kind of PROMOTIONAL stuff you want we are glad to supply it.

Our plan works like a charm. However, all depends on selecting a wide-awake chairman to head each group.

Glad to pass this on to you.

For our Brotherhood,
Rev. H. J. Motz-kus

Yes sir, Pastor Motz-kus. We want to share any plan that works with Lutheran men. The report of this program is given below. Ed

A Group Plan

Roland Strand, former president tells about the "Group Plan" introduced in their organization. The Executive Committee elected in the usual manner consisting of the regular officers. This committee then selects 6, 8 or 10 members, depending on the size of the church, who are thoroughly dependable and appoint them as "Group Leaders". The balance of the men of the entire church is divided up in even groups and have from 8 to 14 members. Three or four strong men are picked for each group. The Executive Committee and Pastor should not be placed on the same Circle and not as Group Leaders, if possible. Each one of these groups takes complete charge of one meeting. For example if there are 10 meetings during the year and 10 groups each would take charge of one meeting during the year. If fewer than 10 groups then some would serve twice during the year.

A sample program would be as follows, assuming that 10 or more

members are in a group;

1. President introduces and turns meeting over to Group Leader in charge of the evening's program.
2. Singing of Songs
3. Scripture and Prayer (by two men of the group)
4. Topic (Divided up and discussed by at least 4 members of the group)
5. Singing of Songs
6. Business Meeting (President takes over)
7. Program (Group leader takes over) This can be a speaker, educational movie, or any type of program that will prove interesting and one that will attract members to the meeting (2 or 3 members to arrange the program)

The plan is to have all the members in the group serve so the burden is not placed on a few. Men are "discovered" who have real capabilities which you did not know existed. Men will assume responsibility for one or two meetings a year whereas they will not assume them for the entire year.

Advance preparation is necessary in order to make the plan operate. Groups must be determined and group leaders chosen. The entire program for the year should be laid out designating the date and group in charge together with the list of names and phone numbers, showing in what group each is assigned. It is up to each Group Leader to organize in advance his group for the meeting he is in charge. The group has charge of notifying the members of the Brotherhood, by card, phone or personal contact. A great deal of worthwhile competition can be developed among groups in arranging programs. This plan is recommended to any Brotherhood that might be in the "Doldrums".

From Omaha!

October 29, 1945

Dear Dr. Traver:

Wish to give you a short report of the Reformation Rally held Sunday evening October 28, in Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Omaha, Nebraska.

This rally was sponsored by the Intersynodical Lutheran Brotherhoods of Omaha and vicinity, comprising of men's organizations of the American, Augustana, Danish, Norwegian and U. L. C. A. Lutheran Churches. Pastors of these Lutheran bodies took part in the program, and Mr. Harold Le Vander, an attorney

from St. Paul, Minn. gave the address on: "Another Reformation." Mr. Le Vander is known as one of the outstanding layman in the Middle West, a member of the Augustana Synod, however far removed from any synodical lines. He is President of the Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods in St. Paul, also a member of the Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods in the Twin Cities, and well known to the members of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

He spoke to an assembly of 600 to 700, about the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Go ye into all the world, making disciples of all men", illustrating that it was the duty of Christian laymen to practice universal brotherhood of men in Christ, not using the powers given by God, such as the atomic bomb, for the destruction of civilization, but to bring souls to Christ, regardless of synodical and denominational lines. He proved by illustration that the manpower of the Church is on the march, only under the guidance of the Holy Spirit it should be an organized, consecrated force.

It was one of the most masterful speeches we have heard for many a day, hoping and praying that it has left a lasting influence upon all those who heard him.

The offering of \$112.25, after the deduction of expenses goes to Lutheran World Action, and last year our organization forwarded \$85.00 to the New York Headquarters.

Best regards and God's blessings,
Wm. F. Kedde

Thank you Brother Kedde!

Live North Carolina!

Dear Mr. Bader:—

I'm sending a few notes concerning the Brotherhood of St. Mark's Church, China Grove, N. C. I hope you may be able to publish some of it in our LUTHERAN MEN paper. You can omit any part you wish.

Very truly yours,

G. E. Beaver, Secy. & Treas.

St. Mark's Lutheran Brotherhood.

Under the leadership and guidance of our pastor Rev. J. L. Thornburg the Brotherhood seems to have taken on new life. Our Brotherhood in connection with the Men's Bible Class, has organized a Boy Scout troop, endorsed by the U. L. C. A. The Committees have been very busy getting things lined up, and are making great progress.

Just recently in behalf of the new Lutheran Church to be built at Chapel Hill, our Brotherhood held a special program at the morning Worship hour, Dr. D. P. Rudisill of Durham, N. C. bringing the message. He spoke very forcibly of the need for a Lutheran Church at the University of North Carolina.

Most of the men of our Church with the help of the Ladies Missionary Societies of the Church, have a fish fry or chicken noodle supper at our Church. Later in the evening we have an hour of fellowship and fun, which seems to always go over in a big way.

Might add that we are very grateful to you and Editor Traver for the very fine paper LUTHERAN MEN. We have 25 names on our roll, and 20 are subscribers,—everyone seems to enjoy reading it very much.

Our Brotherhood is in the Northern District of the North Carolina Synod and from all reports, the largest and strongest in the North Carolina Synod, for which we are mighty proud to be a member.

Our Church consists of 175 families, and during the recent Lutheran World Action campaign, with no solicitations made, only free will offerings,—went far over our quota,—to be exact the total amount of money raised was \$1,000. The people of our Church and Pastor Thornburg should be highly commended for same.

Thanking you very much,
G. E. Beaver, Secretary,
St. Mark's Lutheran Brotherhood,
China Grove, North Carolina.

Batir

The International appeal of Scouting is largely taken for granted, and we believe that you will be interested in the following letter received from Chaplain Adkins H. Hester who is a member of the Missouri Synod:

5 October 1945
HQ., GFRC
Chaplain's Office,
ABO 887, c-o P.M.
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Earle W. Bader, Director,
The Boy Scout Committee,
62 East Garrison Street,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Dear Sir:

For the past five years I have been very interested in Scouting. It has been my pleasure while in the Armed Forces to help with local Scout Troops in England, France and

Belgium. The name *Batir* (to build) is used for our international Scout Club. At present we are unable to do very much, but after my return home I shall promote it.

I should like to have any names of Scouts interested in contacting French or English Scouts. I am a Missouri Lutheran and will take part in organizing Lutheran Troops in Baltimore after the "R-Day" (Return) for me. At present a friend of mine, Mr. T. W. Katenkamp, Augsburg Orphan Home, Baltimore, Md. is organizing a Scout Troop. The work is new to him and I think any literature you can send him would be greatly appreciated.

Scouting can play a greater role than ever now in building peace among nations. I hope I may be able to visit your offices shortly and receive some valuable aid in connection with Scouting.

My very best wishes to you and your wonderful work.

Scoutingly yours,
Chaplain Adkins H. Hester.

Chaplain Hester enclosed an illustrated bulletin published by The International Association of "Batir" (to build). This bulletin which is printed in English and French is one of a series on "Scouting Around the World"; and tells how Lord Baden Powell, the great leader of youth in 1907 tried out his plan for Scouting in Brownsea Island.

The Boy Scouts Association of England was incorporated by Royal Charter in January 1912 and is recognized by law as an educational body. The British Commonwealth Scouts have their own Scout Law which includes practically everything that is embodied in our Boy Scouts of America Scout Law.

Cussing!

Baltimore, Md.,
October 5, 1945

Dear Editor:—

I just recently came across the enclosed little booklet "On Using Profanity" by Dr. Kurth, Fort Wayne, Ind., a Pastor of the Missouri Synod, which is certainly a credit to our Church, regardless of the branch from which it emanates. Maybe you have already seen it.

It came into my hands through the Council of Churches & Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware. Rev. Willis R. Ford, Executive Secretary, and I, am giving it all the circulation possible for our boys in the service and boys generally,

through our Brotherhood of Maryland Synod.

I have never been able to understand or find out why our U. L. C. A. doesn't do more by way of practical and convincing tracts for our young people like this one; and also regarding the evils and consequences of strong drink.

With old time greetings from one Maryland Synoder to another, I am

Fraternally,
Bill Z.
President.

Bill Zschiesche, president of our Maryland Brotherhood enclosed this fine little pamphlet. Copies can be obtained by writing Army and Navy Commission, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. It was prepared especially for service folks but it would be good for distribution in your Brotherhood. Thanks a lot, Bill. Ed

Compliments to "Lutheran Men"

Dear Mr. Bader:

On October 1, 1945 I shall be released from active duty in the Chaplaincy of the Navy. I enjoyed your periodical very much and want to thank you for your fine service. But now you may drop my name from your mailing list.

Chap. Wm. B. Beik,
Dist. Chap. Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bader:

Enclosed find check for three dollars covering the six books of stamps which you sent me. I am happy to make this contribution for the development of Christian Stewardship among the laymen of our church.

Notice by "Lutheran Men" which I received this morning the fine list of 58 Brotherhoods which have recently united with our National Organization and wish to congratulate the officers and men who were instrumental in affiliating these Brotherhood Organizations with your National Organization.

I had a nice visit with Harold D. Foster several days ago and am already planning to be at your National Convention next year which I am sure will be larger and better than the fine Convention I attended in Minneapolis last year. May God bless you in your fine work.

Faithfully yours,
S. F. Rarig,
Catawissa, Pa.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Good Tidings!

Despite the uncertainty and confusion resulting from the sudden ending of this greatest of world conflicts, Christmas 1945 finds the world filled with renewed hope for the future of mankind. The glory of the Christmas season quickens the age-long dream that the "Good Tidings" promised by the Angelic Choir—"on earth peace, good will toward men"—is nearer a realization than ever before.

"The hopes and fears of all the years" are bound up in The United Nations Charter which challenges everyone to work and pray for world peace and Christian Brotherhood. We can achieve this glorious goal only, after Barbarism, Hate and Envy are removed from the dictionary of mankind, and replaced with the word—*Brother*.

Your secretary and staff at Brotherhood Headquarters join in a fervent wish that the joys and Heavenly peace inspired by the blessed Christmas Season will remain with you throughout the New Year.

Mountain Work Committee Meets at Konnarock

Representatives from The Women's Missionary Society, The Luther League of America, and The Brotherhood joined with the Mountain work Committee of The Board of American Missions for an eventful three-day meeting at Konnarock, Va. on October 19th-21st.

The writer could hardly believe his own eyes as we inspected the freshly painted Iron Mountain School buildings and other improvements, including the well equipped Medical Center.

This trip has vindicated the faith of the Brotherhood in the future of the fine Southern Mountain folk when the purchase of the Iron Mountain School property was being considered. The splendid condition of the buildings and equipment; the up-to-date methods of farming, fruit growing and stock raising are only incidental to the real purpose of the School which is the training and

Christmas

*The earth has grown old with its burden of care
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,*

*And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.
It is coming old Earth, it is coming tonight*

On the snowflakes which cover the sod;

*The feet of the Christ child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ child cries out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.*

On the sad and lonely, the wretched and poor,

The voice of the Christ child shall fall,

And to every blind wanderer, opens the door

Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before

*With a sunshine of welcome for all.
The feet of the humblest may walk in the field*

Where the feet of the holiest have trod.

*This is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed.*

That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks.

development of healthy boys to become Christian leaders in their respective communities.

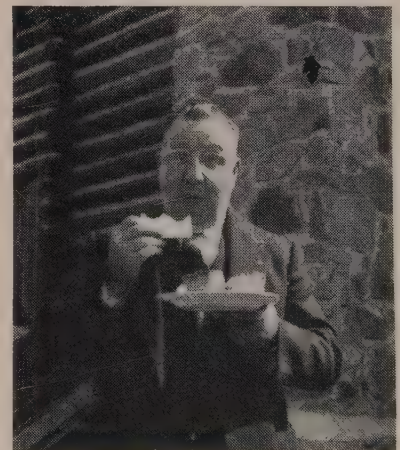
To be greeted by the beaming faces of these sturdy mountain lads who carry out a daily program of farm work, manual arts, study and recreation is a sufficient reward for the time and money that has been invested in our Brotherhood project.

The Konnarock Training School for girls is meeting a real need in providing courses in domestic arts, besides an accredited High School course for the upwards of 80 girls and boys in the Konnarock district. It was our privilege to attend one of the daily Chapel services at the Kon-

narock Training School, and this never-to-be-forgotten experience left us with a profound impression of the reverence and sincerity of our mountain boys and girls. One fact that was noticeable everywhere we went, is the intimate relationship and high regard for Superintendent Kirsch. His efficient co-ordination of the educational and administrative functions of the Konnarock Training School and the Iron Mountain School augurs well for the future of both schools.

Our visit to Konnarock was climaxed by the dedication on Sunday afternoon, October 21st of the new Laurel Valley Church located in the Konnarock parish. This unique church was built from hewn logs and timbers brought down from the adjacent lofty White Top mountain range. The pews, including the altar and appointments are the handiwork of the local congregation. To the pastor, Rev. H. E. Poff who contributed many hours of his wood-working skill and careful planning, belongs much of the credit for the completion of this attractive house of worship.

The following participated in the Konnarock Mountain Work Committee meetings as the official representatives of their Boards and Auxiliaries: Board of American Missions



Caught in the Act!

Our executive secretary hard at work during the meeting of the Mountain Work Committee. Pastor Hewitt slipped a fast one over on Earle by sending this one direct to the editor!

—Assistant Executive Secretary, Rev. Paul A. Kirsch, D. D., New York, N. Y.; Rev. Chester S. Simonton, D. D., Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, York, Pa.; Rev. O. Garfield Beckstrand, D. D., Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill. and Mr. H. E. Isenhour, Salisbury, N. C.; Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr., Duquesne, Pa.; Luther League—Rev. John W. Cobb, Blacksburg, Va.; Brotherhood—Judge Lawrence F. Speckman, Louisville, Ky., Zeb B. Trexler, Concord, N. C. and Earle W. Bader, Bethlehem, Pa.

Marching Orders for a New Day

The overwhelming response to last year's innovation of having the members of the Armed Forces and civilians unite in the reading and meditation of uniform Scripture passages has warranted a continuance during the coming Advent Season.

We are indebted to The American Bible Society for the suggested daily readings which were chosen by the members of the Armed Forces. Passages are in the order of tabulated votes with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas selections.

The members of the Brotherhood will again welcome the opportunity to join in the National Bible Reading, regardless of whether or not they have relatives or friends in the Armed Forces. The following are the Bible passages and the dates on which they should be read:

Thanksgiving, November 22nd	Joshua I, Psalm 121
Friday	*Psalm 23
	John 10: 1-18
Saturday	John 14
Sunday, November 25th	John 3
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Romans 12
Wednesday	John 1:1-14
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-17
	I Timothy 2:1-8
Friday	James 1
Saturday	Ephesians 6
Sunday, December 2nd	
	**I Corinthians 13
Monday	Psalm 24
Tuesday	Hebrews 11 and 12:1, 2
Wednesday	Matthew 6
Thursday	Romans 8
Friday	Matthew 7
Saturday	Psalm 91
Sunday, December 9th	Galatians 6
Monday	Colossians 3
Tuesday	Ephesians 4
Wednesday	Philippians 3
Thursday	I Corinthians 3
Friday	Philippians 4

Saturday	John 15
Sunday, December 16th	Psalm 1
Monday	Psalm 27
Tuesday	I Corinthians 15
Wednesday	Psalm 46
Thursday	Matthew 28
Friday	II Timothy 2
Saturday	John 17
Sunday, December 23rd	
	Revelation 21
Monday	Revelation 22
Christmas, December 25th	Luke 2
*Favorite chapter of General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army	
**Favorite chapter of Admiral Sir Andrew B. Cunningham, G. C. B., D. S. O.	

Individual Membership Cards

Our 1946 *Individual Membership Cards* will be ready for mailing to our Brotherhoods on December 1st. These convenient cards designed to fit a standard card case are printed in attractive colors and bear the official seal of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood.

The *Individual Membership Cards* are supplied *Free of Charge* to each Brotherhood or other men's organization upon remitting its annual U. L. C. A. Membership Dues. The quantity of cards for each congregational Brotherhood will be based on the number of "ACTIVE" members represented by your 1946 U. L. C. A. Dues payment.

We believe our members will be proud to carry this attractive card bearing the official Brotherhood seal as an evidence of their belonging to a congregational men's organization that is loyal to, and in good standing with The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The first payment for 1946 U. L. C. A. Membership Dues was received from the Christ Lutheran Brotherhood, Spry, Pa. on July 27th. May we respectfully suggest that your Brotherhood take prompt action to insure your members receiving their 1946 *Individual Membership Cards* at an early date.

An Ideal Gift

This year will probably find us with larger Christmas gift lists and fewer items.

Let me suggest a year's subscription to LUTHERAN MEN as an ideal Christmas gift for your pastor and laymen. Each month the arrival of our Brotherhood magazine will be a reminder of your thoughtfulness and good judgment.

Many congregations are sending LUTHERAN MEN as a special Christmas gift to each member in the service. Convenient service men's subscription blanks are available upon request.

We also have an ample supply of beautiful gold-plated Brotherhood lapel emblems in four colors. This is a real gift that will not be cast aside, but will be worn with pride for many years.

Send your Christmas gift list to Brotherhood Headquarters and we will mail an attractive Christmas greeting card to the recipient informing him that the subscription or Brotherhood emblem is coming as a gift from you.

Give LUTHERAN MEN this Christmas, a gift that brings joy and satisfaction through the entire New Year. Remember—*Every Lutheran man needs LUTHERAN MEN.*

Anniversary Offering

Did your Brotherhood or Bible class send a 27th *Anniversary Offering* to Brotherhood Headquarters? If you have overlooked this matter, may we respectfully suggest that your men's group receive a free-will offering at your next meeting? Please indicate same is for the "Anniversary Fund", and forward to Brotherhood headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Your contribution will bring a two-fold blessing—to your Brotherhood in joyful sharing—and to the new Brotherhoods that will be established through your gift.

Whistler, the artist, had a French poodle of which he was extravagantly fond. The poodle was seized with an infection of the throat one day, and Whistler had the audacity to send for the great throat specialist, Mackenzie.

When Mackenzie saw that he had been called to treat a dog, he felt incensed, but said nothing. He prescribed, pocketed a big fee, and drove away.

The next day he sent posthaste for Whistler. And Whistler, thinking he was summoned on some matter connected with his beloved dog, dropped his work and rushed to the home of Mackenzie.

On his arrival, the great specialist said gravely, "How do you do, Mr. Whistler? I wanted to see you about having my front door painted."—Menthology.

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An Open Forum

By Earl S. Rudisill

Have all the questions which are appearing in the open forum page been sent by Sunday school workers, or do they come from other sources?

No, not all the questions which have appeared on this page have been sent in by workers. I wish they had been. Really, not very many have been sent. Most of the questions are those which have been raised in meetings conducted by the writer in all parts of the United States and Canada. They have been the questions most frequently asked, and, therefore, probably the more pressing ones in the experience of large numbers of teachers and officers.

I should be very glad if more teachers and officers in adult work would write me and present the questions which are troubling them. Perhaps they will also wish to offer suggestions toward the improvement of adult class work. Keep in mind the fact that the questions you raise and the suggestions you make may prove to be of help to numerous other leaders. Let's help one another in this big important work.

We have so many men in our class who come very irregularly. Some are absent for a month or more at a time. When someone calls to see them they give excuses, and promise to come regularly. Then they show up for a few times and again drop out. Why are people so undependable?

As in Paul's day, what men would they do not, and what they would not they do. Human nature is a combination of many elements. The emotional side and strong urges toward self-preservation are among the strongest factors in man's make-up. Habit also exerts a powerful influence when it gets well-rooted. Man's powerful inclination is to seek the pleasant and to avoid the unpleasant, to do what is easy and to avoid what requires effort, especially anything that calls for thinking (reasoning). After a week of fairly early rising the easiest thing on Sunday morning is to "sleep in" or to get up for

early breakfast and then bury oneself in the Sunday paper. And the longer that easy course is followed the more difficult it becomes to strike out on a new course.

To cut loose from entrenched habit, to move against the current of the strong feeling of pleasantness, to rise above the level of physical ease and well-being to the spiritual, to redirect the basic urges of life from their natural direction to what is divine, is far from easy. It requires an attraction which will stand up well over a period of time. Will the program, teaching, and activities of your class measure up to that need? It demands a firm resolution, backed up in every possible way until it is firmly established. Do your visitation, comradeship, and helpfulness meet that need? Is the flavor of your class fellowship and the quality of the sessions so true to the gospel that the careless Christian or the unrepentant moral man will be moved to a fundamental change in his life and to a redirection of his affections and loyalty? These are searching questions. But in them lies the answer to the question which has been raised.

The chief responsibility for the careless adult rests upon himself, it is true, but a great deal also devolves upon the more alert and active Christians. Some persons will find themselves, determine their course, and drive themselves to what they conceive as duty and opportunity. Others will not; perhaps they cannot, alone. Let us not neglect opportunities. The strong ought to help the weak until they are able to walk alone.

Is the present increasing tendency toward formalism in the church a good thing? It seems to me that we are paying more and more attention to the multiplication of outward forms and symbolism and that we are in danger of losing the real thing which underlies them. Am I right?

There has undoubtedly been a great increase in the use of the external forms in worship in recent years

in most branches of the Protestant church. As such a movement develops there is always danger of reaching a point at which the form may become an end in itself, a substitute for the spiritual reality. In past centuries that has happened. As symbolism and forms have increased, the spiritual life has suffered and the moral tone of living has degenerated. We all like to see the accessories of worship made more attractive and beautiful, but it is quite possible for people to identify the spiritual with the aesthetic, and to allow the beautiful to become a substitute for the spiritual. This is a serious and devastating error. Let everything minister to the spiritual life, but suffer nothing to usurp the place of spirituality, devotion, and personal relationship to God.

Is it the job of Christian education to train young and old in such a way that they will fit into our society and get along peaceably with people, or should we be trying to change society into something better?

There are some people who insist that all education has as its function fitting people to take their places in the present social arrangement and to keep hands off moves toward any changes. Such a view calls for easy compliance with the pronounced injustices and wrongs which prevail in our civilization. If everyone had taken such a view in the past we should not now be enjoying the fruits of the improvements which have been wrought through the centuries; our whole society would be on a lower level than it is. If everyone should take such a view now there would be little or no progress in the years and centuries which lie ahead.

Our best secular educators as well as our leading religious educators today agree that education should be *telic*, that is that it ought to set objectives, plan the educational process with a view to attaining them, and work towards those ends. Jesus set the goal of the kingdom of God. Let us work toward it.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

● **MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director**
Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, 62 E. Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Getting the Facts

During the past month we have mailed a duplicate set of index cards listing the U. L. C. A. congregational Boy Scout Troops, Cub Packs, etc. to the Director of Scouting in each synod of the Church. In a few instances these file cards were mailed to the Synodical Brotherhood presidents where the Directors have not been appointed.

It is expected that each synodical Director in consultation with his committee will allocate one set of the cards among their group on a geographic basis to facilitate an early visit to each congregation having a Scouting organization. This will be a get acquainted visit to find out if the local troop is functioning properly.

The Synodical Directors will maintain an up-to-date master file of all Scouting organizations on his territory and notify The National Boy Scout Committee Headquarters periodically of any new troops that have been organized as well as any troops that have disbanded.

We will be in a position to announce the actual number of troops in the U. L. C. A. Churches after the initial survey has been completed in all synods. Plans are being considered for an aggressive promotion by the Synodical Committees in congregations that do not have Boy Scout Troops.

Scouting Comments

PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

I have been very much impressed by the packet containing "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" which you sent upon request. I was connected with the Boy Scouts of America for several years before ordination and I think that we can make something of this idea of Lutheran Scouting. I do not know of any troop on the ter-

ritory of the Ministerium where the tie-up has been fully tried, but I am anxious that our troop should follow the program to the letter.

In order that the men of the brotherhood should understand Lutheran Scouting, I am asking you to provide packets of informative material for each of them. I am including the names and addresses of the members of the Troop Committee. If it is possible, please send the material—it will help so much.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles D. Moser,
St. John's Lutheran Church

FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK

Will you please forward to me the 70-page packet "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" as mentioned in your letter dated March, 1945 addressed to our pastor, Rev. R. M. Durr of Floral Park, N. Y.

Our church, the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Floral Park has recently taken over the sponsoring of a Boy Scout Troop and would like very much to receive this packet.

Also we would appreciate receiving any information that you can give us regarding the Pro Deo et Patria award granted to Lutheran Scouts through the Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

Yours sincerely,
Harry A. Glander,

Christ Lutheran Church

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

We are organizing a Troop, but have not completed far enough to get official number yet.

A. H. Gault, Secy.,
Children's Memorial Lutheran Church
CATAWBA, NORTH CAROLINA

Would it be possible for you to supply me with information which will be valuable to me in using Scouting in the mission field of India?

Very truly yours,
William Peery,
Catawba, N. C.

CAMDEN, INDIANA

A Scouting troop is greatly wanted and expected in this congregation. Any information you can give will be appreciated.

Rev. George W. Schuette,
St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Additional Committees Have Been Appointed

We are happy to report that the following Boy Scout Committee appointments were received at Headquarters during the past thirty days. To each of these brethren we extend our hearty congratulations and good wishes for the fine work they have undertaken.

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Topic

of the Month

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The Challenge to Go Into All the World

Topic for January, 1946

AIM: To help members of the Brotherhood see that world missions are an indispensable part of the work of the church; to examine the present-day need for world missions in various sections of the world; and to lead members of the Brotherhood to be interested, informed, co-operative, and generous in regard to them.

NOTE: The amount of space devoted to topic material this month is somewhat less than usual in order that space might be available to print the splendid supporting article by Dr. Fred J. Fiedler under the title, "The Call of Orphaned Missions". That article by Dr. Fiedler should be considered an integral part of the topic study and should be carefully read by every member of the Brotherhood and discussed at the monthly meeting.

Worship

Hymn, "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"—

No. 217 C.S.B., or No. 162 P.S.H.

Scripture: Romans 5:1-12 and 18-19

Free prayer for world missions

Hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing"—

No. 218 C.S.B., or No. 164 P.S.H.

The Topic

The Epiphany season of the church year is the time when the church thinks particularly of its world mission work. But this does not mean that world missions may be forgotten the rest of the year. The special emphasis which the church places upon particular tasks at various seasons is merely an arrangement made in order to bring all of the church's major activities before members of the church each year. In reality the church has only one task to perform: to lead men everywhere to Jesus Christ and to build them up in the Christian faith and life. This is the task which Christ assigned to his church when

he gave the great commission, saying, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". It is only for the purpose of effective administration that the work of the church has been divided into foreign missions, American missions, social missions, and education.

Souls are precious in God's sight, no matter where they may be found, and no matter what the nationality or color of men may be. The church's task, and the duty of every follower of Christ, continues to be to lead souls to Jesus Christ and nurture them in Christian faith and life. It is therefore utterly impossible for any real Christian to say that he is not interested in the work of missions.

In reporting to the Minneapolis Convention the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church said: "Missions are not a part of Christ's program for his church—they are his *whole program*. Missions are not one of the aims of the church, not a mere phase of her activity—they are her chief concern, her marching orders".

Old and Fruitful Work

Our church's program of missions has been carried on for many years in all the lands in which the United Lutheran Church is working. Our work in India dates back to 1842; that in Africa to 1860; that in Japan to 1892; the work in China to 1898; and the work in British Guiana and Argentina to 1889 and 1908 respectively. The extent to which this work has been fruitful may be judged from the fact that at the end of 1942 the baptized membership in all these fields was 204,508, while at the end of 1943 it was 209,097, a net increase of 4,589. In the same year the total net gain in the baptized membership of all congregations of the United Lutheran Church in the United States

and Canada was only 30,524. The percentage of gain in the foreign fields was therefore very much larger than the percentage of gain in the home field.

The Cry for Help

From all the mission stations of the Lutheran Church—those directly under the care of the United Lutheran Church, and those formerly under the care of other Lutheran bodies and particularly European church groups—the cry is rising: "Send us more missionaries, more Bibles and Christian literature, and more money and equipment to carry on the work of saving souls". It is difficult for Americans to realize the dire need which is confronting our mission program throughout the whole world. The article by Dr. Fiedler in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN, under the title "The Call of Orphaned Missions", should be carefully studied at this point. Its plea for larger support of the whole foreign mission program of the Lutheran Church should sink deeply into the consciences of members of the Brotherhood and should reach down into their purses.

No other generation ever faced the privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities which confront our generation. More than a billion non-Christians are looking to us for the Gospel. Millions of them can be reached immediately if missionaries, teachers, and necessary equipment are made available. Our mission fields need preachers, and places in which to preach; teachers, and places in which to teach; doctors and nurses, and places in which to heal. The minds of the people in these lands are receptive, and their souls open. They are like wheat, ripe unto the harvest. NOW is the day to share Christ with them.

Suggestions for Discussion:

1. What is the church's basic task?
2. Why is the church's task divided into the work of missions, education, and serving love?
3. Is it possible for a real Christian to be uninterested in world missions?
4. How long has mission work been carried on in the fields cared for by the United Lutheran Church?
5. Which part of the Christian task is getting greater results, that in the homeland or that in foreign fields?
6. What is the present mission situation in China?
7. What are the present mission needs in India?
8. How has the war affected mission work in Africa?

9. What are the special needs of the South Pacific Missions?

10. What can members of the Brotherhood do to help meet the needs of the church's world mission program?

Assignment of the program for the February meeting—cf the article, "Do You Know That —?" in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

Hymn,

"O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"—

No. 224 C.S.B., or No. 160 P.S.H.

Fellowship and refreshments

Alternate Topics:

1. Invite a returned missionary to tell about the mission work in the field where he has been laboring.

2. Invite several service men who were stationed in the South Pacific to tell about their contacts with missions.

3. Have several members of the Brotherhood present brief talks on "Why I Believe in World Missions." These talks may be based upon information found in The Lutheran, in newspapers, in secular magazines, and in the topic material and supplementary article for this month.

Do You Know That . . . ?

Project for the February Meeting

There are seventeen million boys and girls growing up in America to whom the name of Jesus Christ is merely a name to be used in profanity. There are ten million additional young people living in America who never go on the inside of a church or Sunday school. And the record of adults is no better than that of children and young people.

The figures of the unchurched for Canada are probably proportionately as large as those for the United States. While the greatest number of unchurched people will of course be found in large cities, many of them are also found in towns, villages, and in the country.

The Board of American Missions is the agency of our church charged with planting new churches in order that these millions may be led to Christ. How extensive is the work of this board, and among which groups is it working?

It would be interesting for Brotherhoods to prepare for the February topic, "The Challenge to Win Our Nation for Christ", by having various members of the Brotherhood prepare short talks on some of the following subjects:

"Do You Know That—

1. Our church has Slovak congregations?"

2. Our church is ministering to the Finns living in our midst?"

3. Our church has an Icelandic Synod?"

4. Our church conducts missionary work among the Italians?"

5. Our church conducts Jewish missions?"

6. Our church has a Spanish mission in New York City?"

7. In many congregations the German language is still necessary for some of the services?"

8. Hungarians receive the ministry of the Word in their native tongue?"

9. Japanese-Americans are receiving our church's ministry?"

10. A large work is carried on in the southern mountains by our church?"

11. Our church carries on mission work among the American Indians?"

12. Our Board of American Missions is constantly investigating and entering new fields of service?"

It will not be necessary to have reports on all of the above topics. A few talks on the subjects in which members of the local Brotherhood are particularly interested will suffice to indicate how extensive and varied is the service which the church is rendering through its Board of American Missions. Information on the above topics will be found in the 1944 Minutes of the United Lutheran Church. Pastors may be able to supply members of the Brotherhood with additional information.

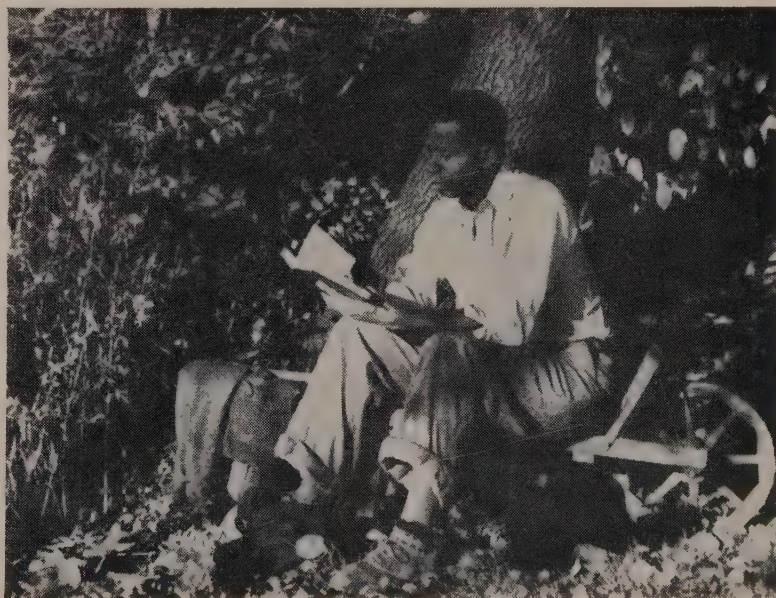
The Call of Orphaned Missions

By Rev. Fred J. Fiedler, D.D.

Dr. Fiedler is now on the secretarial staff of our Board of Foreign Missions. His "Uncle Missionary" letters are well known in the church. His talent as a writer has capitalized for the home church his years of active missionary service in India.

A man of the church whom all the men of the church should know is Dr. Daniel Nelson at Chungking, American commissioner of the Lutheran World Convention. He was born in China and grew up in a missionary household. At the call of the church he is now back in that country, and with most striking success has been directing relief and rehabilitation service for Lutheran refugees. He has organized a flourishing Lutheran church in Chungking, and established a Biblical seminary, a publishing house, and three Lutheran service centers, one in the capital and two in other cities.

Dr. Nelson reports a conversation with General Yu Hsiang of the Chinese Army (a Lutheran), in which that dynamic personality said: "The Lutheran Church is a great church, but she should do more for Christian refugees." Then the general pointed to a Chinese Lutheran pastor at his side and said: "Here is Rev. Chu Haojan who has been neglected by his own church. I have offered him a



Time Lost?

This African workman is not wasting time. He is reading the Book that redeems time. He will make up for lost time in greater energy. This is "The Pause That Refreshes."

work in India. The Santal Mission is a combined international effort of Swedes and Norwegians in Europe and America. Some of these missions will be able to have missionaries from the home land after a time, but no one can tell how long it may be before the German missionaries will be able again to occupy their stations.

Even now that the war is over the hope of getting aid for these missions from European countries is not very bright, because of the destruction of property, the disruption of community life, and the conditions of poverty or even starvation in some localities. Not only are funds involved in this situation, but also personnel. Our church in America cannot "pass by on the other side," and indeed the generous spirit of Americans has manifested itself in a commendable readiness to hold up the hands of those who serve by providing the necessary gifts of funds and the loan of missionaries from other fields.

African Missions

Pathetic stories have come from Africa telling of missionaries who were stranded far away from friends, with no hope of receiving any help from their homeland. Suddenly they received word to come to the nearest commercial center to receive funds allocated to them from America. Such help was a God-send to them. It not only saved faithful missionaries and their families from privation, but it gave them something to keep their work alive. It is to help these heroic servants of our Lord to continue to bear witness and to proclaim the unsearchable riches of God that the call of orphaned missions must have a convincing place in our hearts.

South Pacific Missions

In the South Pacific a sizable church numbering 35,000 had grown up in New Guinea under the direction of German missionaries. This work, together with the mission of the American Lutheran Church in New Guinea, has attracted much attention during the war because of the stories which have come from men in the armed forces and from chaplains. Some of these stories are directly related to the people whose Christian faith was awakened and fostered through the endeavor of these two Lutheran groups. Seven of the American Lutheran Church missionaries were martyred; others were released from Japanese prison camps as MacArthur advanced in his island

made desolate. Danish, Finnish, German, Norwegian, and Swedish missionary operations extended over these regions like the hand of God, spread out in blessing upon his people. About 200 missionaries, serving a dozen different missionary bodies, had labored here.

The re-opening of these territories to missionaries and missionary activity will challenge the church in America with a solemn responsibility and an inspiring opportunity. We are not called upon to do all the rebuilding for orphaned missions, but we are definitely faced with the God-given task of sending them relief and of starting them on rehabilitation and reconstruction. All the efforts which the church in America can make now and in the near future to help the orphaned missions in China will be a commendable move in the direction of helping people to help themselves.

Missions in India

In India the Lutheran Federation of Churches numbers a baptized membership of 400,000 Christians. The largest group is the Andhra Lutheran Church, the outgrowth of our United Lutheran Church Mission among the Andhra, or Telugu people, with a membership of 200,000. The other groups are missions and churches nurtured by missionary societies in Germany, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. The Gossner Church was well organized, and during the first world war, under the impetus of good missionary direction, went on autonomously with the assistance of the help from The Lutheran World Convention and some missionary supervision from the Andhra Church. But now the impetus has about spent itself. Divisions have been raised up within the church. There is likelihood that some other church groups are ready to step in and take advantage of the present disturbed condition. It is therefore highly important that we take vigorous steps to come to the assistance of this struggling church lest it fall to pieces before our very eyes.

Many people in America will remember Rev. Joel Lakra who studied in our country some years ago, and who is now a trusted and capable leader in the Gossner Church.

Other groups in the Lutheran Federation in India are the Leipzig and Breklum Missions in South India and along the east coast. The Danish Societies have work in the Madras area and in the far northwest frontier. Two Swedish organizations have

position as my private chaplain. He has declined. The Minister of Finance has offered him a fine position. He has declined. There is a real Christian for you." The general went on to show this pastor still chose to serve the Lutheran Church and was not enticed by the loaves and fishes in other places. The distress of orphaned missions in China was the cause of the meager support given to this faithful Chinese pastor.

Last winter our commissioner in Chungking called in the direct aid of General Wedemeyer and Ambassador Hurley to preserve human lives. It was the lives of missionaries that were in danger. Over a hundred of them were Lutherans, driven out of the central provinces by the advancing Japanese armies. Suddenly our church in America learned that more than a hundred Lutheran missionaries were flown directly from outlying district in China, across the Himalayas to India. These servants of God, most of them from European countries, could not return to their native lands. The church in India cared for them. Missionaries of the Santal Mission, though reduced to low subsistence levels, shared their all with them.

Destruction and Desolation in China

In the winter of 1943 and 1944 the Japanese made their grimly steady march to cut East China in two. They overran the territory occupied by various Lutheran groups, both European and American. Here and there the alarm was given of the Japanese penetration. In some mission stations only a few hours warning had to suffice for the hurried packing of a few precious possessions. Then came ruin and devastation—churches despoiled, altars overthrown, organs smashed, homes turned upside-down, and all worldly possessions destroyed.

Such experiences can be multiplied many times in the occupied parts of China. Churches and school buildings (and somehow the Japanese seemed to have a special hatred against schools) are evidently gone. Hospitals and school dormitories, and missionary residences—representing expenditures of considerable sums of money—will have to be repaired, or restored, or entirely replaced. Orphan homes, industrial schools, Bible training schools, institutions for blind and crippled children—these likewise are casualties of destructive war.

Through the occupation of the central provinces of East China many Lutheran orphaned missions were

war to the Philippines. The German missionaries were interned at the beginning of the war and were held for the most part in Australia.

Stories that have come to us tell of the heroic faithfulness of the Christians in the islands. Some of them have rebuilt their house of God after the destruction of war deprived them of missionaries and mission buildings. Their own leaders have conducted daily prayers in the villages, and services on the Lord's Day. Giving our aid to such sturdy Christian stock as we have seen developed among these people should be a real satisfaction to the heart of every American.

More and more the men of America have been coming to realize that missionary work is not a side show, run by the women of the church, but that it is a man's job in which real men are bound to be interested. Especially has this realization become pronounced as our men in the armed forces came into contact with missionary work and told their folks at home about it. At a service conducted for American troops in the Pacific area in October 1945 an offering was received amounting to \$1385. This money was sent to the headquarters of The Lutheran World Convention in New York City with the following instructions: "This is a gift for The Lutheran World Convention post war program. We are particularly desirous that the entire amount be used in the mission work that is being planned by The Lutheran World Convention for the post war period."

Foreign missions is a great work of God. It has gone places. It has turned savage cannibals into friendly Christian people. It has brought new hope and life and the courage to be free to many people around the globe. As a by-product our boys' lives have been saved, as friendly Christian islanders have assisted them to safety. Such a work must be preserved, and it must be given a new impetus. The call of orphaned missions is a call to the men of the church to help people now over the hard places and to give them the start which will help them to help themselves.

The whole continent of Africa is sprinkled with Lutheran mission stations. Nigeria, Cameroun, Gold Coast, French Equatorial Africa, and the Belgian Congo are the scenes of activity by societies in Norway, Sweden, and Germany. The same groups are found in various parts of South

Africa, where figures indicate a total membership approaching 250,000. In southern Rhodesia the Swedish Church is represented by a smaller mission ministering in sixty-six towns and villages.

The mission situation in Tanganyika is better known in America than most others, because of the publicity gained for it during the war. Missionaries of the Augustana Synod, going out to help fill the gap, were torpedoed in the South Atlantic and went through harrowing experiences before they finally arrived back in America to start out all over again. German societies were at work in five different parts of Tanganyika. There was a baptized membership of some 130,000 before the war. Missionaries to the number of 172 manned the field and they were assisted by a group of half a hundred native pastors. A healthy future was evident in the 25,000 inquirers who were "not from the Kingdom of God." The Augustana Synod, having its own mission work in Tanganyika, has become the agent of The Lutheran World Convention in this territory, and has given missionaries and workers from its field. It has also sent out new recruits from America. The United Lutheran Church has loaned one of its missionaries from India. But the number of missionaries is now only about one-sixth the number who labored here before the war.

Dr. S. Hjalmar Swanson of the Augustana Synod, who returned on October 10 from a six months stay in Tanganyika, said: "Nowhere in all the world does the Lutheran Church

have such a great opportunity as in Tanganyika." He reports that colonial officials in that country asked him: "Does the Lutheran Church mean business? If so, go ahead; the way is open." This is a challenge from government officials who recognize the propriety of having mission work in that country conducted by Lutheran church bodies, on account of the large Lutheran work established there. They want to be certain that our Lutheran Church is prepared to enter this work vigorously and put into it the necessary funds and the force of missionaries so badly needed. We pass on this word to the men of the church: Do we Lutherans mean business in Tanganyika? If so, then let us push this great project and make it the opportunity to serve our Lord in a large way and develop a great indigenous church in that land.

In Ethiopia, Somaliland, and Eritrea, German and Swedish missionaries valiently pursued their work in difficult fields. They have as many as 3,000 Christians with 71 native workers in Eritrea. In Madagascar one of the large missionary operations of the world was conducted by the Norwegian Church. A total of 110,000 baptized Christians was reported in 1938. Ordained native pastors to the number of 178, and unordained workers numbering 1145, indicate a strong church and a well established Christian community. In the Near East the Finns have a work among the Jews in Palestine, and the Danish Church is in East Arabia, Syria, and Palestine. There is also some German work in Palestine.



The Mountain Work Committee

The story of this important meeting is given on Secretary Bader's page. Those present are, left to right, front row: Zeb Trexler, Mrs. C. W. Baker, Mrs. Simonton, Dr. Chester Simonton, Dr. P. A. Kirsch; back row, Pastor H. E. Poff, Pastor Hewitt, Judge Speckman, Secretary Bader, Mr. H. E. Isenhour, Dr. G. O. Beckstrand.

Christmas Everywhere

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,

Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine,

Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,

Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright.

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,

Christmas where old men are patient and gray,

Christmas where peace, like a dove in his flight,

Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight;

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all;

No place too great, no cottage too small.

—Phillips Brooks.

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October 1-31, 1945

1945 DUES (New)

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